

**Whereas**, it is with utmost respect that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause in their daily legislative endeavors in order to recognize those Show-Me State residents who truly embody the concept of Outstanding Missourian through their deeds and achievements; and

**Whereas**, Sam Graves of Tarkio, Missouri, has attained considerable distinction as the United States Congressman from the 6th Congressional District of Missouri; and

**Whereas**, on February 26, 2008, the honorable Sam Graves will meet with state legislators in the Missouri House of Representatives to receive well-deserved honors and accolades for the exemplary role he has performed in Missouri as a community leader; and

**Whereas**, Congressman Sam Graves serves on the Agriculture, Small Business, and Transportation committees; is the ranking member of the Public Buildings, Economic Development, and Emergency Management subcommittee; and has developed and maintained an excellent reputation for his leadership in bringing the Heart of America Regional Crime and Forensics Lab to Kansas City, spearheading a successful effort to get a DEA agent in Saint Joseph, passing an amendment to No Child Left Behind that clarifies government funding responsibilities, championing the cause of renewable and alternative energy, working to increase funding for Missouri roads, supporting tax relief, and preventing predatory lenders from targeting members of the military; and

**Whereas**, Congressman Sam Graves prepared for his diverse lifelong endeavors by graduating from Tarkio High School and the University of Missouri-Columbia, at which institution he received a degree in agronomy through the School of Agriculture; and

**Whereas**, Sam Graves entered politics in 1992 when he won his first race as a state representative, after which he was elected to the Missouri Senate for two terms and then was elected to the United States House of Representatives from 2000 through 2006 to be entrusted with federal duties and responsibilities as a Congressman; and

**Whereas**, a small businessman and sixth-generation family farmer, Congressman Sam Graves is justifiably proud also to be known as the beloved husband of Lesley and the loving father of Megan, Trey, and Emily:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the well-deserved selection of Sam Graves as an Outstanding Missourian, and to extend to him this legislative body's most heartfelt welcome to the state capitol on February 26, 2008, for special recognition as a guest in the House Chamber; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Outstanding Missourian Sam Graves of Tarkio, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Mike Thomson  
District No. 4

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do  
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House  
Resolution No. 786, adopted February 25, 2008.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker